

**ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS:**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 48 of the specification as follows:

-- An optical lens whose focal length is different on first and second planes perpendicular to each other is provided. The optical lens is configured such that a convex element, which is formed integrally with a substrate having a flat face, ~~and~~ has a convex curved face ~~that functions so as to have a function~~ as an optical lens ~~and~~ is shaped such that the curvature on a first cross section ~~including an axis in a focus direction of the optical lens~~ and the curvature on a second cross section perpendicular to the ~~first cross section~~ and intersecting with the first cross section ~~along the axis in the focus direction~~ are different from each other, whereby the focal lengths on the first and second cross sections ~~perpendicular to each other~~ are different from each other. A groove of a substantially elliptical shape or a substantially rectangular shape is formed along the boundary between the substrate and the convex element. The optical lens is used to produce a focus error signal or is incorporated into an optical pickup apparatus. --